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Mark A. Dugan, et al.

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For: METHOD OF INDEX TRIMMING A
WAVEGUIDE AND APPARATUS FORMED
OF THE SAME



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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT (IDS)

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

Dear Sir:

Pursuant to 37 CFR 1.56, the attention of the Patent and Trademark Office is hereby directed to the references listed on the attached PTO/SB/08. It is respectfully requested that the information be expressly considered during the prosecution of this application, and that the references be made of record therein and appear among the "References Cited" on any patent to issue therefrom.

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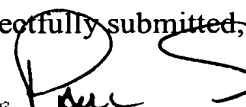
A copy of each reference on PTO/SB/08 is attached. Some of the references (e.g., A1, C13 and C15) were published before the present application was filed, but after the filing date of priority application Serial No. 09/753,102—a claim for priority to this application is being made by preliminary amendment filed today. Though not prior art, the applicants have chosen to make the patent office aware of this information.

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